

SENATE RESOLUTION 8678

By Senators Parlette, Finkbeiner, Esser, Roach, Schmidt, Swecker, Oke, Pflug, Deccio, Rasmussen, Kastama, Doumit, Johnson, Carrell, Zarelli, Rockefeller, Regala, Poulsen, Berkey, Mulliken, Shin and Kohl-Welles

WHEREAS, Washington's apple industry is a major contributor to the economic health of the State and its people; and

WHEREAS, The City of Wenatchee is preparing to celebrate the 86th annual Washington State Apple Blossom Festival to take place from April 28 through May 8, 2005; and

WHEREAS, The Apple Blossom Festival, which began as a one-day gathering of poetry and song in Wenatchee's Memorial Park, is one of the oldest major festivals in the state, first celebrated in 1919 when Mrs. E. Wagner organized the first Blossom Day; and

WHEREAS, The Apple Blossom Festival celebrates the importance of the apple industry in the Wenatchee Valley and its environs; and

WHEREAS, The Apple Blossom Festival recognizes three young women who by their superior and distinctive efforts have exemplified the spirit and meaning of the Apple Blossom Festival; and

WHEREAS, These three young women are selected to reign over the Apple Blossom Festival and serve as ambassadors to the outlying communities as Princesses and Queen; and

WHEREAS, Pamela Alvarado has been selected to represent her community as a 2005 Apple Blossom Princess, in part for her extracurricular activities as an MEChA Activity Coordinator, as well as her activities within Eastmont High School as ASB Vice President; and

WHEREAS, Piper Gillin has been selected to represent her community as a 2005 Apple Blossom Princess, in part for her extracurricular activities as a member of the Chamber Singers Honor Choir, her activities within Wenatchee High School as a Varsity Cheerleader, as well as her scholastic accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Anika Grubbs has been selected to represent her community as the 2005 Apple Blossom Queen, in part for her extracurricular activities as the Governor of Girls State, her activities within Eastmont High School as the President of Key Club, Foreign Language Club and FBLA, her involvement as a volunteer for the Wenatchee Valley Museum and Women's Resource Center, as well as her scholastic accomplishments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Washington honor the accomplishments of the members of the Apple Blossom Festival Court and join the City of Wenatchee and the people of the State of Washington in celebrating the Washington State Apple Blossom Festival; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Queen Anika Grubbs, Princess Pamela Alvarado, Princess Piper Gillin, and the Board of Directors and Chairpeople of the Washington State Apple Blossom Festival.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8678, adopted by the Senate
April 13, 2005

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate